

REMARKS

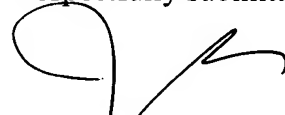
Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants amend claims 14-18 for clarity. No new matter is added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims at least in light of the following remarks.

The Requirement requires restriction between Group I: claims 1-13, and 19, and Group II: claims 14-18. In reply to the Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-13, and 19, with traverse.

In particular, claims 14-19 have been amended, as suggested by the Requirement, such that the claims 14-19 contemplate the apparatus of Group I. Therefore, as indicated in the Requirement, the Requirement will be withdrawn and all of claims 1-19 will be examined.

Accordingly, Applicants earnestly solicit favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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